

may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to those entities proposing to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the following States and territories listed under *Available Funds*.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 29, 1996.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 29, 1996.

Applications Available: February 13, 1996.

Available Funds: \$517,175 distributed in the following manner:

Delaware—\$60,619

Florida—\$76,420

Georgia—\$44,020

Illinois—\$42,258

Kentucky—\$7,497

Pennsylvania—\$34,921

Texas—\$97,394

American Samoa—\$154,046

The above-listed amounts are based on funding of this program at the Administration's fiscal year 1996 requested level (\$41,749,000). However, the annual level established by the current short-term continuing resolution is \$40,533,000, the same amount appropriated for fiscal year 1995. If this level remains in effect for the remainder of fiscal year 1996, only the following funds will be available:

Delaware—\$48,919

American Samoa—\$154,046

Estimated Range of Awards: \$7,497 to \$154,046

Estimated Number of Awards: 1 per eligible State or territory.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 364 and 366.

For Applications Contact: Donald Thayer, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence, S.W., Room 3323, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone (202) 205-9343. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Electronic copies of this application notice can be downloaded from the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board (202) 205-5574 (2400 bps) and (202) 205-9694 (9600 bps).

For Further Information Contact: Donald Thayer, telephone: (202) 205-

9315, or John Nelson, telephone: (202) 205-9362 (Voice and TDD), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3323, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for this competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721 (c) and (e) and 796(f)

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)

AGENCY: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended, and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATE AND TIME: February 22, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 503A/529A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW. Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Garner, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8124. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is

established to: (1) minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC plans to: (1) update the membership on the strategic planning process; and (2) discuss issues related to Champus and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public. Written public comment will be accepted at the conclusion of the meeting. These comments will be included in the summary minutes of the meeting. The meeting will be physically accessible with meeting materials provided in both braille and large print. Interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired will be available. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and need other reasonable accommodations should contact the contact person named above in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

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